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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): T. IDO, et al  
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For: STORAGE SYSTEM, BACKUP SYSTEM, AND BACKUP METHOD  
Group: 2186

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

August 4, 2004

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Substitute Specification and Marked Up Version of Original Specification;  
Amendment of the Abstract;  
Clean Copy of Original Claims; and  
Remarks are included following the amendments.